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**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE
SERVICES CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – 4:00 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Members Absent:

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa

Staff Present:

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy
Analyst Peter Asplund, Associate General
Counsel Ms. Debra Hale, Legislative
Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Chair Osmond reviewed the process of gubernatorial nominations with the committee.

2. Review of Gubernatorial Nomination of Jon S. Pierpont as Executive Director of the Department of Workforce Services (DWS)

Chair Osmond introduced Mr. Jon S. Pierpont, who the governor has nominated to replace Kristen Cox as Executive Director of the DWS.

Mr. Pierpont introduced his family and reviewed his qualifications and experience throughout his 22 years serving in the DWS. He reviewed some of the projects he and the DWS staff have implemented under his leadership.

Mr. Pierpont responded to committee questions and comments regarding him and DWS programs.

Ms. Gina Cornia, Executive Director, Utahns Against Hunger, expressed her appreciation of Mr. Pierpont's commitment to meeting the needs of the Utah's low-income population.

Ms. Pamela Atkinson, Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund, shared her appreciation of Mr. Pierpont's leadership and management skills and his ability to use experiences as teaching moments.

Mr. Matthew Minkevich, The Road Home, stated that he had worked closely with Mr. Pierpont and his team and expressed his faith and confidence in Mr. Pierpont's leadership.

Mr. Richard Thorn, President and CEO, Associated General Contractors of Utah, expressed his confidence that Mr. Pierpont will do a great job.

Sen. Todd Weiler, Utah State Senate, spoke of his appreciation of Mr. Pierpont's competency,

transparency, and accessibility.

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MOTION: Sen. Davis moved that the committee recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of Mr. Jon S. Pierpont as Executive Director of the Department of Workforce Services. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.